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COUNTY OFFERS RABIES SHOTS, MICROCHIPPING, AND LICENSING AMNESTY

Cheap Shots and Amnesty for Delinquent Dog Owners Available Sunday, June 27

The County Department of Animal Services will offer dog licensing and low-cost rabies vaccinations and microchipping for dogs and cats from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Sunday, June 27, at South Clairemont Recreation Center located at 3605 Clairemont Drive in Clairemont.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs (four months or older) and cats (three months or older) will be available for \$5.00. The Department will also offer microchipping for dogs and cats for a one-time fee of \$20, which includes registration on a national database. Proof of a dog license is required for dogs to be microchipped. There is no license requirement for cats.

Moreover, owners who have failed to ever license their dog, or have allowed their dog's annual license to lapse, will be offered amnesty from any late fees during the two-hour event, the Department's Acting Director Dawn Danielson announced today. Dog licenses, which are required by law, may be purchased for one, two, or three years.

"Get the shot, get the license and a microchip, and get the peace of mind and protection these things bring," said Danielson. "A microchip is a small transponder, the size of a grain of rice which is injected under the skin and remains there for the life of the pet. The Department scans all incoming stray animals for the presence of a microchip. Staff is then able to locate the owner's information through the number on the microchip."

For more information, the public may contact the Department of Animal Services at (619) 236-4250.

For the protection of owners and their pets, dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier for the clinic.

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